

## **CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1-1. Policy.**

a. General. The policy of the USACE is to produce products and services that fully meet the customer's expectations of quality, timeliness and cost effectiveness, within the bounds of legal responsibility. An acceptable level of quality does not imply perfection; however, there should be no compromise of functional, health, or safety requirements. Adherence to the principles outlined in ER 1110-1-12, Quality Management, will contribute to achieving this goal. Procedures must be formulated to ensure harmony with the USACE Strategic Vision and shall be executed in concert with activities presented in other USACE guidance.

b. Prohibition from Burial. Destruction of OE will be accomplished by burning or detonation only. Burying of OE or dumping it into waste places, pits, wells, marshes, shallow streams, deep sea, or inland waterways is absolutely prohibited. This policy does not include burial to control fragments during authorized destruction operations by detonation when in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations.

1-2. Organization of Document. This document is organized into specific topic areas likely to be encountered during the establishment and use of a temporary OB or OD site. As the predominant method of destruction of OE items is open detonation, this method of destruction will be given primacy in this document. Within those topic areas, where there are significant differences between OB and OD operations, the OB-specific details will be covered in a separate sub-section after the OD discussion. Appendix C contains a checklist that can be used in setting up an OB/OD site.

### **1-3. Responsibilities.**

a. General. It is the responsibility of all USACE personnel involved with the OE program to safely execute OE projects in accordance with (IAW) ER 385-1-92. All USACE organizations will ensure that all personnel involved with on-site activities at OE sites are familiar with and have access to the approved Work Plan and Site Safety and Health Plan (SSHP) that have been prepared for the site activities to be conducted. In addition, each organization will ensure that all personnel have received appropriate training, medical surveillance, and personal protection equipment (PPE) required by the SSHP, contract specifications, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards, and DA and USACE regulations.

b. USACE Commands. Responsibilities of USACE elements for executing OE projects are delineated in ER 1110-1-8153.

c. Contractors. Contractors will be responsible for setting up, operating, dismantling, and documenting OB/OD areas IAW the guidelines set forth in this pamphlet.